

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 190

SENATE BILL NO. 2161

By Tracy, Burchett, Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2170

By Dean, Faulkner, Todd, John Deberry, Coleman, Armstrong, Kernell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 49, relative to campus police and public safety officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-101, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

() "Campus police officer" means a person commissioned by an employing institution and rendered an oath to provide police services, enforce law, exercise arrest authority, and carry firearms in accordance with § 49-7-118;

() "Public safety officer" means a person who, in addition to being a commissioned, campus police officer under the provisions of § 49-7-118(g)(1), performs other significant duties such as certified firefighter, medical first responder, or other tasks associated with homeland security based on the needs of a particular institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-107(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) The commission shall also issue a certificate of compliance to any person employed as a campus police officer or public safety officer; provided, that such person meets the qualifications for employment as a police officer and satisfactorily completes an approved recruit training program as required by this part. To retain such certification, the campus police officer or public safety officer shall also successfully complete an annual in-service training session appropriate for the officer's rank and responsibilities.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 23, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7th day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR